

Proposal form for a place name in New Zealand or its offshore islands

Use this form to propose a new place name, change an existing place name, or have an existing recorded¹ place name approved as official. For your proposal to proceed you need to answer all questions in this form.

Complete a separate form for each place name if you have more than one.

Before you start

- read the Standard for New Zealand place names: linz.govt.nz/regulatory/60002
- gather your evidence

If you have any questions about making your proposal, please email: nzgabenquiries@linz.govt.nz

Legal stuff

The information you provide in this proposal form may be disclosed to others for the purposes of consultation including your full name but not your contact details.

Our Standard has essential information to help you decide whether to proceed with your proposal, and what happens to your proposal after we receive it.

Please confirm you have read the Standard for New Zealand place names, which is available in English and Māori.

☐ I have read and understood the Standard for New Zealand place names

Your contact details:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email/Postal Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

¹ Recorded place names are names shown on maps and charts but which the Board hasn't formally agreed to, so they are not official.

What do you want to propose?
<input type="checkbox"/> A new name for an unnamed place or feature What is your proposed name? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Change or correct a place name What name do you want to change? _____ See the New Zealand Gazetteer: gazetteer.linz.govt.nz What is your proposed change? _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Approve as official a recorded place name What name do you want to be approved? _____ See the New Zealand Gazetteer: gazetteer.linz.govt.nz
What type of place or feature is it? For example, bay maunga, glacier, area. For feature types see New Zealand Geographic Features: geographicfeatures.linz.govt.nz
What are the reasons for your proposal?

Supporting information

Please provide as much information as possible to explain and support your proposal. Select what you are including from this list and attach the supporting information. You must include a map or chart of the location.

- ☐ A map or chart with the exact location of the place or feature clearly marked.
- ☐ The history, origin, and/or meaning of the name.
- ☐ Evidence of orthography, for example macrons for Māori names, and correct spelling for personal names.
- ☐ Evidence of consultation with local iwi, marae, or other Māori groups with ancestral interests.

- ☐ For a descriptive name, evidence to support how the name describes the place or feature.
- ☐ For a personal name, evidence the person being commemorated is no longer alive, their connection with the area or feature, and the significance of their association with that place. Consultation with their family is preferred.
- ☐ Audio file, for example, pronunciation of the name.
- ☐ Other supporting information.

Thank you for making a proposal. We will be in touch.